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2. 13 November : 2 Timorese youth were arrested at Ribera Lahane, near the High School. One was shot dead by the military while attempting to escape; the other was stabbed as arrested. No names or other particulars available.

3. 15 November : police raided Sao Jose secondary college in Balide looking for young people presumably involved in 4 November demonstrations. School caretaker injured.

4. early December : military raided Bishop's house and removed the 28 asylum seekers. Their whereabouts unknown.

Other bits and pieces (again no confirmation)

1. Frs Cunha and Leao are back in Dili

2. Fr Joao de Deus is sick in Jakarta and may come to Perth

3. The Jakarta asylum seekers have had their scholarships and all entitlements withdrawn. Two are in Bali, two in Jakarta. They are no longer good friends and need money.

4. Students in Jakarta and Bali are not permitted to visit East Timor as frequently as before.

5. Many Timorese from Darwin, Sydney and Melbourne are visiting East Timor over Christmas and New Year.

6. Timorese in both Indonesia and East Timor seem to be more confident, militant and ready to take risks.

7. A Fretilin Congress was held in Dili in October. News just starting to come through.

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8. Copy of letter from Gareth Evans attached. Note statistics on prisoners. (X) Cartoon also included.

9. Re Lord Avebury's visit : can he contact me when he reaches Melbourne at home on 481.1581.

(X) Will send this by post. Nothing much!

Have a very happy Christmas

Pat.

Pat Walsh

EC Presidency speech to UN Third Committee, New York, 20 November 1989

30. Les Douze demeurent préoccupés par les informations concernant les violations des droits de l'homme au Timor Oriental. Ils prennent note d'une certaine ouverture de ce territoire vers l'extérieur depuis janvier 1989, qui va dans le sens des préoccupations qu'ils ont manifestées devant l'absence d'évolution notable sur ce territoire. Ils espèrent que cette ouverture signifie aussi que les Organisations non gouvernementales, y compris les organisations de défense des droits de l'homme, pourront bientôt être autorisées à se rendre sur place. Ils souhaitent une fois de plus qu'il puisse être mis fin aux abus signalés.

31. L'Assemblée générale est saisie, une fois de plus, du rapport du représentant spécial sur l'Iran. Il fait